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The Crumbs [and miscellaneous papers]

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

All matters relative to your room and board, mail, and any charges you may incur (apart from the regular bill for tuition, board and room) should be referred to the Inn Desk.

For details regarding the management of the School, please make inquiry at the Director's Office. All matters pertaining to your initial registration and payment of bills, information about courses, lectures and graduate credit should be referred to this office. Director Hewette E. Joyce and Mrs. Janice Dewey are the staff to whom you should bring your requests for information about details of the School. Later you will be informed as to what particular members of the staff are responsible for what specific duties.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Students who have completed registration in advance should obtain registration cards from the Director's Office after 2:30 p.m. Students who have not completed registration in advance must personally consult with the Director concerning their choice of courses. Appointments may be made with Mrs. Dewey.

Registration cards obtained at the Director's Office should be presented to Mrs. Madden who will be in the Library (second floor) from three o'clock on. A representative of the College Treasurer's Office will be there at the same time. It is requested that all bills which have not been paid be attended to at this time.

Please keep in mind the fact that if you wish to change your status from that of a visitor or non-credit student to that of a credit student in any course, this change must be made on or before August 10. A student may change his status from that of a credit student to that of a non-credit student on or before August 12. All changes in courses must be made through the Director's Office. All persons desiring to visit classes in which they are not enrolled must also obtain permission from the Director's Office.

RATION BOOKS

All students are requested to leave ration books at the Inn Desk. They will be returned at the end of the session. If you do not have your book with you, please send for it immediately. We must have it.

GRATUITIES

Students are requested not to tip members of the staff or employees of the Inn. Any person connected with the Inn is glad to administer to the comfort of the guests in any possible way.

MAIL SCHEDULE

Outgoing mail must be posted not later than 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Mail will be ready for distribution at the following hours: 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

MEAL HOURS

Beginning tomorrow noon the regular seating plan will go into effect. There will be one seating. Please consult the chart on the dining room door to ascertain your table assignments.

<u>Daily</u>		<u>Sunday</u>	
Breakfast	7:30 - 8:00	Breakfast	8:00 - 8:30
Luncheon	12:45	Dinner	1:00
Dinner	6:15	Supper	6:00

Since most of the waiters and waitresses are students, it is urgently requested that all students come to meals promptly, especially to breakfast, so that those who are waiting on table may be able to reach their classes on time. In the morning the door will be closed at 8:00. No students may be served breakfast after that time. Please do not ask the head waitress to make exceptions to this regulation. She has no authority to do so.

SUPPLIES

Stationery, notebook paper, pencils, ink, post cards, cigarettes, etc. may be purchased at the Inn Desk. It is impossible for credit to be extended, so please do not ask for it.

BOOKSTORE

It is urgently requested that students purchase their texts immediately because it is frequently necessary for us to order additional copies. It is impossible to allow students to maintain charge accounts at the bookstore, and we hope that students will cooperate by not asking for any favors in this direction. Bookstore hours are: 8 - 8:30; 1:30 - 2:00; 7 - 7:30.

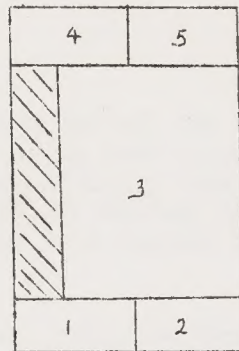
BREAD LOAF PARKING REGULATIONS

A preliminary notice concerning parking has been made in the catalogue. New and stringently enforced state laws prohibit the parking of cars on the side of the highway, and it is requested that students and guests endeavor to keep the roads clear in front of the Inn. Students living in Maple may park their cars in the space behind the cottage; students at Brandy Brook in the space by the side of the cottage; students at Tamarack on the lawn under a trees by the main road. All others should use the parking space near the Barn.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT--EVENING PROGRAM

Stephen A. Freeman, Vice-president of Middlebury College, and Dr. Joyce will speak briefly at the first meeting of the School tonight at 8:30 in the Little Theatre. An informal reception will follow in the Recreation Hall in the Barn.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES



Plan Of The Little Theatre

<u>8:30</u> - The Nineteenth Century English Novel (III) Seventeenth Century Poetry and Prose (II)	Mr. Wilson Mr. Dighton	Barn 1 Barn 2
<u>9:30</u> - History of English Language (I) Contemporary English and American Poetry (IV) Chaucer	Mr. Anderson Miss Drew Miss Mirrielees	Barn 1 Barn 2 L.T. 5
<u>10:30</u> - English Literature from 1880 - 1914 (III) Shakespeare (II)	Mr. Anderson Mr. Dighton	Barn 1 Barn 2
<u>11:30</u> - Teaching of English (I) American Novel (IV)	Miss Mirrielees Mr. Wilson	Barn 1 Barn 2

Afternoon classes will be held August 7th, 9th, 11th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, and 28th.

NOTE: Barn 1 is to the left, Barn 2 to the right, as you enter. The Barn is at the end of the road which leaves the main road just above the Inn annex.

THE CRUMB

Volume 25 No. 1

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 5, 1944

Welcome to Bread Loaf

THE CRUMB greets you on the opening day of the twenty-fifth session of the Bread Loaf School of English. We will be on hand every day at lunch to bring you news and notes about school activities, official and unofficial. Members of the School may place items of interest or urgency in the box marked "Crumb Notices" in the Director's Office, and they will appear in our columns as soon as possible.

In the preliminary announcement we indicated the duties of the Inn Desk and Director's Office. Members of the staff desire in every way to minister to the wants of the students. They do not expect to be tipped, and students are requested not to offer such remuneration. Please understand that our facilities are not hotel facilities but merely simple dormitory accommodations. Leave suggestions concerning room equipment or repairs for Mrs. Dewey at the Desk. The staff hopes that your stay will be a pleasant one.

Evening Lecture

Robert Frost will open the lecture series in the Little Theatre tonight at 7: 30.

Library

The Davison Memorial Library contains the following collections:

1. Books to be used in connection with courses.
2. Miscellaneous books for general reading.
3. The Wilfred Davison Memorial Collection which includes autographed copies of the works of those authors who have been connected with Bread Loaf, and books given to the Library by friends.

The Library will be open on regular schedule:

Weekdays

8: 15 a.m. - 12 noon
1:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
7:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturdays

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Sundays

9:30 a.m. - 12 noon
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tennis

People desiring a court at a specific time should sign on the schedule appearing on the back stop. Tennis shoes must be worn. Do NOT wear heeled shoes of any sort. A notice will be placed on the back stop at any time the courts are not in playable condition. Tennis balls may be purchased at the Desk.

Games

Guests at Bread Loaf will find croquet, clock golf, ping pong, archery, and volleyball provided for their enjoyment. We hope that members of the School will cooperate in keeping the equipment in good condition and it will be appreciated if all implements such as darts, ping pong balls and golf clubs are properly cared for. Your cooperation is also requested in keeping the grounds in good condition. Do not throw your paper on the ground; put it in the trash barrels provided for your convenience! Thank you.

Warning

Persons using the trails and walks about the Inn are requested not to go alone. The School can accept no responsibility for the safety of anyone disregarding this notice. Remember that you are in the wilderness now and you're apt to meet anything from a chipmunk to a two-hundred pound bear!

Medical Supplies

Emergency medical supplies may be obtained from the Director's Office.

Dining Room Notice--Please Read With Care

Due to shortages, regulations and restrictions on certain food supplies, there must of necessity be some departure from our usual tradition on certain foods for the duration. We regret this exceedingly, but it is beyond our control. It will be necessary for everyone to turn in his or her ration card as soon as possible. Please leave it at the Desk. It will be returned to you (from the Desk) before the end of the session.

Newspapers

The New York Times will be the only paper available this year. Those who wish may subscribe for the school term, daily and Sunday, at \$1.70. See the Desk clerk.

Taxi Service

Taxi service will be available at all times upon demand at the Desk. A flat rate of \$4.50 will be charged for each round trip to Middlebury. Since the taxi will hold seven persons, it is possible to reduce the cost of the round trip to approximately sixty-five cents per person.

The taxi will make a trip to Middlebury each Sunday morning for those wishing to attend church services. The Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, and Methodist services begin at 10:45 a.m., and masses at the Catholic Church are held at 8:30 and 10:30. If you wish to attend church in Middlebury tomorrow, please sign up at the Desk, stating which church you wish to attend.

If demand warrants, Shampoo Specials will be run to Middlebury on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for those who feel the need of a visit to the beauty parlor. Phone one of the beauty parlors listed in the phone book for an appointment if you wish to go next Tuesday. The trip will be limited to seven.

Dry Cleaning and Laundry

Arrangements for dry cleaning and personal laundry should be made at the Desk.

Resident Nurse

A resident, registered nurse, Mrs. Jane Wilkinson, will be in attendance during the session. Students wishing to see the nurse and unable to leave their rooms should send a note before 8:30 a.m. to the Head Waitress indicating their name and room number.

Mrs. Wilkinson will be in her office in Annex 6 from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. weekdays.

Laundry

Laundry facilities will be found in the basement of Hoi Polloi. Flat irons may be signed for at the Desk. Please do not hang your washing on cottage porches, in the windows, or spread it on the lawn. There is a clothes line in Hoi Polloi basement.

Crumb Deadline

Place all notices which you wish to appear in The Crumb in the box provided for that purpose in the Director's Office before 10:00 a.m.

Vespers

The summer series of Vesper services will open tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Little Theatre with readings by Dr. Joyce and the singing of a few hymns.

THE CRUMB

Volume 25 No. 2

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 7, 1944

Attention Seniors

If you think that you are going to graduate this summer, please register such high hopes on the Bulletin Board. Be sure you attend at once to all details such as transferring credits from other schools.

Desk Hours

Except for the period necessary to sort and bundle mail each morning and afternoon, the Desk will be open for business from 8:30 - 12:30; 1:30 - 5:30; and 7:00 - 8:00 (except Sunday)

Afternoon Classes

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of this week and all other days on which you will be accelerating, the afternoon hours will be as follows: 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, and 4:45.

Shampoo Special

The trip tomorrow will be limited to seven; so sign early if you wish to go to Middlebury.

Change in Status

If you wish to change your status from that of an auditor or non-credit student to that of a credit student, this change must be made by August 10th. You may change from a credit student to an auditor on or before August 12. All changes must be made through the Director's Office. Mrs. Dewey will be in her office every day after lunch.

Tea Room

The Tea Room will be open every evening from 8:00 - 10:00 to help relieve the muscle, bone, or brain sagging which may occur. There you may obtain such dietary supplements as: coffee, tea, milk, grape-juice, coke, fruit, candy, crackers, and an occasional stick of chewing gum.

Dining Room Divulgement

The present seating arrangement will continue until Tuesday noon. Thereafter, you will be re-shuffled every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday at noon.

C'est La Guerre

Item 1: Because of a shortage of help, we must request that those of you fortunate enough to have fireplaces build your own fires. You won't have to tote your own wood, but the management will greatly appreciate your not requesting a boy to come to your cottage to build fireplace fires.

Item 2: We regret that the luxury of meals served in your room cannot be maintained this year. Trays can be sent to rooms only if the nurse has so ordered.

Item 3: "The Butter Industry, of which Fairmont is a prominent part, is facing realistically the continuing drop in production. Our Government's needs for table butter will not be satisfied before early Fall. Consequently the public will get less butter than during the same period last year.

"We will allocate our receipts weekly as equitably as we can. This is our obligation to our customers."

The Fairmont Creamery Co.
(Bread Loaf's Buttery)

Library Notice

Books on course shelves may be kept three days. If there is a great demand for any particular book, it will be called in and kept on Reserve. Reserve books may go out for two hours at a time or for over night. Novels from Mr. Wilson's shelves may be kept one week unless the demand is heavy for certain novels. Books in the Wilfred Davidson Collection, permanent books, kept at Bread Loaf Library, may be loaned for one week.

The autographed collection of books in the glass case may be read in the library through requests at the Desk, but none can be taken from the library.

Library hours for opening and closing are posted on the door at the entrance of the Library and at the Library Desk.

Saturday night is the only night the library isn't open, but it may be closed occasionally in the evenings for important lectures, or Little Theatre activities. Whenever the Library closes for this reason, it will be re-opened after the lecture.

Crumb Reprint

This year, as a part of the celebration of Bread Loaf's 25th anniversary, we shall reprint articles from issues of THE CRUMB, published within the last 25 years

"Word has been received from Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher that she expects to reach Bread Loaf either Sunday, July 24, or the following morning, and that she will be at Bread Loaf until Wednesday noon, giving three lectures while here. Dates and subjects will be announced later. On Friday, July 22, at eight P. M. Mrs. James Canfield, sister-in-law of Mrs. Fisher, and Mrs. Ruth Murdock Lampson will speak on The Life and Art of Dorothy Canfield. Several of Mrs. Fisher's best known books are in the library."

THE CRUMB

Volume 25 No. 3

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 8, 1944

Ration Books

It would be appreciated if the people who have not yet relinquished their ration books would do so immediately. Need we expatiate on the value received for the loss of only three reds, one white, and three blues?

Bulletin Board

We thought you might be interested in seeing the pictures of the launching of the S. S. - "Lyon Gardiner Tyler", named in honor of Mrs. Wilson's father, who was President of William and Mary for thirty-five years. He was also the founder and editor of The William and Mary Quarterly, a geneological and historical magazine.

Suggestion

It is hoped that guests will at all times refrain from stepping on croquet balls, tripping on tree roots, falling on Kittredges, or otherwise endangering their limbs. Inasmuch as the Spanish School made serious inroads on our Splint and Bandage Department, we would appreciate your keeping casualties to a minimum.

Reprint from The Crumb, August 4, 1922

"The members of The School of English have appreciated greatly the signal honor done us in the visit of Miss Willa Sibert Cather, have enjoyed greatly her lectures and have profited from them more than we can tell. Especially have we been delighted and inspired by the charm of her personality and the kind personal touch she has given to all she has said and done while here.

"When the bell rings and Mr. Huggard rises to lead the singing, all are asked to join heartily in the singing of the following songs which have been written in Miss Cather's honor.

1. Tune--I Had a Horse and His Name Was Napoleon

We've enjoyed your stay, Miss Cather;
You knew how our hearts to win:
Did it strike you we all like you?
Come again to Bread Loaf Inn

Writer, speaker, you delight us:
Now we leave you with a cheer:
Time is fleeting--here's our greeting:
Come to Bread Loaf Inn next year.

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" . Tune - Clementine

O Miss Cather, when we gather
For your talks so wise and clear,
Now you're going we're all hoping
You'll come back another year.

Come to Bread Loaf, come to Bread Loaf,
Where the mountains meet the sky;
Dear Miss Cather, we would rather
Say farewell, but not goodbye.

THE CRUMB

Volume 25 No. 4

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 9, 1944

Lecture Tonight

Wolfgang Stechow, Professor of Art at Oberlin College, will speak to us tonight at eight in the Little Theatre. His subject will be "Joseph Haydn as a Composer for the Piano".

Library Notice

Anyone driving to Middlebury is asked to notify Miss French in the Library. We shall need assistance all summer in getting books up to Bread Loaf from the Middlebury Library.

Book Store

Since the government has curtailed our use of shoe-shall-we-say-leather, we feel you should be reminded that a trip to the Book Store for anything other than books is classed as "pleasure-walking". The Inn Desk will supply you with pencils, paper, notebooks, and ink. Copies of the Middlebury Press Books, listed on the Bulletin Board, are now available for examination.

Happy Birthday

Today is not only Mrs. De Witt's birthday but also her fiftieth year at Bread Loaf. Let's wish her at least fifty more anniversaries, all of them celebrated here.

Here, Sport!

The Ripton Regulars vs. the Bread Loaf Loafers.... The contending teams will exhibit their prowess at Soft Ball tomorrow night at 7:30 at the Bread Loaf Memorial Stadium (rear of Maple and Birch).

Atlantic Scholarship Winner

Each year the Atlantic Monthly awards a Bread Loaf Scholarship to the student who submits the best essay, story or poem. The instructor of the student also receives a scholarship. This year the winner is Mary Bergen Johnston of Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin for her sonnet sequence Irenicon: World War II.

" Out of the sun-rinsed morning sky,
Out of the dome like a wind unfurled,
Sweeping the musty corners of the world,
Jarring the air and stifling the sigh,
The breath, the dream, of the sullen sod;
Like thunder rolling out of the bell
Of heaven, and shaking earth and hell,

" Came the Voice: 'I am the Lord thy God!'
 The sea quaked, the trees bowed down,
 And in the fields the spangled wheat
 Fell low as Magdalen's bright hair.
 While under a hill the sleeping town
 Lay unadoring at his feet
 Like a gluttoned dog that lies in his lair.

Slowly, the white-armed virgin day
 Leaned on her wheel and spun the hours,
 Braided the sunlight, folded the flowers,
 And none awoke as she crept away.
 'They are drugged with peace! Their grain unmowed,
 Their tap unfettered, their lambs unshorn--
 Better that they had not been born!
 Better for them, had they never sowed,'
 Spoke in wrath the Voice of the Lord.
 'Peace is chrism for wound and war,
 But they have made it a golden ram! '
 -- And earth quailed under the burning sword
 Sunk in her breast; and there came a roar:
 'Ere Abraham was made, I am.' "

Reprint: THE CRUMB--July 31, 1923

"The following anonymous contribution has been received by THE CRUMB. In general, it is not our policy to print unsigned communications, but there seems to be some reason for sharing this.*

Hear the slamming of the doors,
 Wooden doors!
 What a sound of fearful energy
 that really one deplores!
 How they clatter, shatter, scatter
 all your last delicious sleep,
 And you wonder what's the matter
 That such early hours folks keep.
 In the startled ear of morn
 How they thunder out their scorn
 Of the dreams and idle fancies
 That your slumber sweet adorn!
 Oh, the doors!
 Noisy doors!
 How at last they clash and smash
 In a sort of general crash!
 Oh, the loud reverberation
 that so deafeningly roars
 From the doors, doors, doors,
 doors, doors, doors, doors,
 From the slamming and the
 jamming of the doors!

* Evermore-- '44

THE CRUMB

Volume 25 No. 5

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 10, 1944

Woolen Goods

There will be a sale of woolens (sweaters, socks, and afghans) in the Blue Parlor.

Message

Eddie Doucette, our chef for nine years, is now Ship's Cook 2/c. He wishes to be remembered to all his Bread Loaf friends. If the Navy will co-operate, he will be present at our anniversary celebration.

Scrapbook

There is a scrapbook of Bread Loaf scenes in the Inn Parlor.

Reminder

Tonight at 7:30 a roaring (?) throng of softball enthusiasts will witness the sports classic of the century. The Bread Loaf Loafers, led by Captain Bill Julian, will meet a dark horse team from Ripton. The "Regulars" boast an impressive batting average and are complete with fine pitching and fielding. At latest report, with game time approaching, Captain Julian was noncommittal in regard to his starting line-up.

"We'll be in there fighting," was his tight-lipped reply to all questions.

Reprint: THE CRUMB July 31, 1924

It is desired by this means to thank all who took part in any way in the effort to find and extinguish the fire yesterday on Worth Mt.--especially the girls who discovered the fire and the men who went to the mountain. A vast amount is involved--probably a million dollars' worth of timber--if such a fire should spread and be pushed by the wind, and the promptness and energy with which the men connected in various ways with the Inn and the English School put their strength into the matter was very heartening. It should be added that the women were as eager to go and fight the fire, and many of them asked for a chance to go. The fact that the fire was small does not cut any figure; the time to deal with such a fire is when it is small. And the fact that the fire had gone down and was not located by the men after they got enveloped in the woods of the mountain-side and that the rain came to take care of it does not cut any figure. The spirit shown in connection with it is the great thing; that counts mightily.

THE CRUMB

Volume 25 No. 6

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 11, 1944

Seniors Please Note

Unless Mrs. Dewey is notified to the contrary, this is the way your name will appear on your diploma:

Marjorie Augusta Ames	Florence Marie Sheehan
* Lillian Becker	Ruth Naomi Snyder
Hazel Fay Dickson (in absentia)	Peter James Stanlis
Vivien Faye Huffaker	Frances Theresa Stellar
Irma Katherine Johnston	* Rosalie Switzer
Margaret Elizabeth Sherman	May Elizabeth Whalen
<i>Mabel Knoll (see Aug. 31)</i>	<i>(14)</i> Alice Genevieve White

Will Miss Becker and Mrs. Switzer see Mrs. Dewey today?

The seniors are requested to congregate in the Blue Parlor at 7:15 this evening for a short meeting with Dr. Joyce.

Post Office Request

"Save strong string and box material and start to plan shopping," Postmaster General Frank C. Walker advises Americans in announcing the rules for mailing of Christmas gifts for Army and Navy personnel overseas.

This year the Christmas mailing period for both Army and Navy overseas forces is the same-- September 15 to October 15. After October 15, no gift parcel may be mailed to a soldier without the presentation of a written request from him.

Music You Want Program

Since Middlebury College has a fine Record Library, we can obtain almost any album that you request. Just place your suggestions in the Crumb Notices box in the Director's Office, and we will do the rest.

Change of Status Reminder

Remember that August 12 is the last day on which you can alter your status from that of an auditor (languid listener) to that of a credit student (lively listener) or vice versa.

Sports Editor

Last evening's monumental clash between the Bread Loaf Loafers and the Ripton Regulars was ended by mutual agreement at the end of the 4th inning. The reason: all lights in centerfield went out at a crucial moment and the moon was not bright enough to continue play (Ed's. note--Hmmm). At the end of the 4th, Ripton led 13-9. In a free swinging struggle, the Regulars had bashed out 19 hits to Bread Loaf's 12. Tonight at 7:30 in the Memorial Stadium the ancient rivalry will be resumed.

Composite Creation

On the night of Mrs. DeWitt's birthday the group poem which we publish below was born. To prevent copyright complications, we have credited each author with his line.

We wish you many years of happiness	Elsie M. B. <u>Naumburg</u>
Charming lady of the feast	R. de Zubiria Jr. & Eleanor L. <u>Turnbull</u>
May the advancing years touch lightly on your head	F. T. <u>Hammond</u>
From farthest north to south and east.	Edna Purcell

May every day be filled with joy	George P. <u>Coleman</u>
With Bread Loaf sunshine, days without alloy	Julia Tyler <u>Wilson</u>

May you always spend your birthdays here	Janice Dewey
Among the mountains of your youth	M. M. Hammond
Amidst the friends who hold you dear	Mary Haldane Coleman
And never in a telephone booth	Walter W. Naumburg

The hills look down and wish you well	Regina J. Woody
And so does every shady dell	
The bugler's gone (but not to Hell)	Edith and Bernard Duffey
But left behind the rising bell	
SWELL!	

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Grateful ReplyElinor De Witt

Thank you, friends, both old and new
 Who have given me far more than my due,
 A Bread Loaf birthday in 1944
 That equals the first one of 1894.

Bookstore

The Bread Loaf Pamphlets (5cents each) that are exhibited on the Bulletin Board may be purchased at the Bookstore. They represent the work of such famous Bread Loafers as Robert Frost, Walter Pritchard Eaton, Hervey Allen, Fred Lewis Pattee, Theodore Morrison, and Robert M. Gay.

Mirabile dictu! The anthologies for Miss Drew's course have arrived.

Lost

One Shaeffer pen--Brown...Anyone knowing the whereabouts of same please see Margaret Fowler.

CRUMB Reprint: July 28, 1926

Bread Loaf is honored in welcoming to-day Doctor Hamlin Garland as a visitor of the School of English.

THE CRUMB

Volume 25 No. 7

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 12, 1944

Election Returns

The Seniors' choice is Lillian Becker for President. We extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a successful term of office (limited at Bread Loaf to one month).

Fullmer Reservations

If you are not already in possession of your return trip accommodations, you may apply at the Book Store immediately after lunch for assistance. It is urged that you record your intentions today or you may be going home by carrier pigeon.

Backers, Beware!

Placed on the various porches for your convenience are genuine metal containers. Will you either refrain from attempting to perfect your basketball technique or else consult the nearest oculist. With dry weather persisting, it is even more imperative that you exert caution of the siren which you heard last night may sound off in earnest. Already smouldering pine needles have been detected near the Inn Porch; so the danger is not imagined.

Tea Room

Until frosty days are upon us and your hands become incapable of grasping a bottle, the Tea Room will be open afternoons from 4:15 to 4:45 as well as during the regular evening hours.

Book Store

The Collected Works of Yeats have arrived. Sorry.. Mr. Eliot is apparently coming by way of the South Pacific.

There are a few copies of the following books, left by the Spanish School:

An Anthology of Contemporary Latin-American Poetry

Reality and the Poet in Spanish Poetry- Salinas

Truth of Two

Lost Angel - Salinas (translated by our Miss Turnbull)

All those who love a bargain and are interested in Bread Loaf lore, may obtain free of charge pamphlets written by Clara K. Curtis on the subjects "Joseph Battell -an Appreciation" and "The Old Bread Loaf Inn--a Reminiscence". The material contained should be dignified by a price, but we are doing this for you who are unfamiliar with the traditions behind Bread Loaf as well as you who are old friends. Call it an Anniversary present if you like.

Sports Editor

That ol' debbil light failure worked his jinx again last night and ended the hard fought softball struggle halfway through the ninth inning. At that time the score was tied at 10 all.

A record breaking crowd of over 100 rabid fans, including many of Bread Loaf's more distinguished and traditional guests were thus denied the privilege of watching a home rally in the ninth.

However, rainchecks have been issued for next Tuesday night when the series will be resumed.

Contributor's Column

The contribution below remains unsigned because the author feels she is expressing a general sentiment and therefore deserves no credit.

Tribewt

Oh, what would we dew
Without Mrs. Dewey?
It's certainly trew
That the place would go flewey!

Though it keeps her imbrewed
In a hodgepodge of dewties,
With no time to brewd
On its natural bewties,

She never is blew,
And whatever is brewing.
She takes up her cew
And is instantly dewing.

Let us give her her dew!
Though our verse be but screwey,
Our hearts are all trew—
So, all hail, Mrs. Dewey!

Address Lists

Please fill out the blanks which are at your places. Be sure to check your status in the blanks provided.

Crumb Reprint:—Aug. 4, 1926

"This evening we shall have the pleasure of hearing Miss Edith Micriellees on "The Moral Tale, Past and Present". To accommodate those who wish to go to Middlebury later in the evening, the hour is set for 7:30. All are invited."

THE CRUMB

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Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 14, 1944

Welcome to the Conference

The Bread Loaf School of English extends a hearty welcome to the staff and members of the Writers' Conference and hopes that this, the nineteenth annual session, may be a most successful one.

Taxi Service

This year, all taxi fares are to be paid directly to the taxi driver, Walter Nisun, at the time the trip is made. We shall appreciate your cooperation.

The taxi is available for other than the scheduled trips should you desire it. Inquire at the Desk.

This week the Shampoo Specials will be run on Wednesday and Friday. All ladies with sufficient stamina to submit themselves to the driers in this weather are advised to leave their names with the clerk at the Inn Desk.

Missing in Action

The War Department does not announce, but we do, that two copies of Brooks and Warren "Understanding Poetry" are missing from the Library. Will the persons who removed them in a fit of absent mindedness please return them at once. The need is urgent.

Teachers Wanted

To prevent a general exodus from the Dining Room, we hasten to add that you are not wanted by the police (or are you?) but by the Bartram School, a small but excellent girls' prep school in Jacksonville, Florida. They are in need of a Teacher of Piano and a Teacher of Sports. Anyone interested should get in touch with Miss Henrietta Rechlin in residence here.

Book Store

The Rondo

(or Defined by Webster as an Instrumental Composition Having One Principal Theme Repeated at Intervals, with Contrasting Episodes between Repetitions)

Flat, black books in a fine barren room--
Barren Room She with voice unstable
Sags and reels and falls upon the table,
Falls upon the table,
Beats the empty air with the handle of a Crumb,
Hard as she is able
"Boom! Boom!! Boom!!!
The Eliots have come."*

* On sale after dinner today...

Book Store (continued)

The order for Miss Drew's book "Directions in Modern Poetry" will be removed from the Bulletin Board today. Anyone else who desires a copy should sign immediately.

Afternoon Classes

This week the double session occurs on Tuesday and Thursday. Due to government restrictions, we cannot distribute free Aspirin to the faculty and students as we had intended to do.

Train Reservations

This is to remind you that John P. Marquand is right. All those who failed to apply at the Book Store on Saturday for return trip train tickets (say it five times fast, we dare you!), should make their arrangements today without fail.

Meal Schedule Please Note

Although the door of the dining room will not be closed hereafter at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, English students wishing their muffins and coffee should be in the dining room by 8:00 as usual. Remember: student waiters and waitresses have 8:30 classes, too. The group meetings of the Conference run on a different schedule from ours. Hence, the difference in meal hours, listed below:

	<u>Conference</u>	<u>English School</u>
Breakfast	8:00--8:30	Breakfast 7:30 - 8:00
Lunch	1:00--1:15	Lunch 12:45
Dinner	6:15--6:30	Dinner 6:00

Crumb Reprint: June 30, 1927

"We are delighted to welcome to Bread Loaf tonight Professor William Lyon Phelps, who will give the address at the opening exercises this evening at eight in the Music Hall."

THE CRUMB

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Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 15, 1944

Evening Lecture

Tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the Little Theatre Mr. Frost will speak to the members of the Writers' Conference. Students and faculty of the English School are welcome to attend any of the evening lectures scheduled by the Conference.

The Bells

For the duration of the Conference the bells will be ringing out so wildly that you will have difficulty unless you know for whom the bell tolls. Of course, we have the original announcement about the long and short bells. However often we are told that Conference daily lectures occur at 9:30, 11:00, and 2:30, there is bound to be confusion. Is it long? Is it short? Do we stop or do we start? Is it ours? Is it theirs? Is it someone unawares, passing by the rope and pulling for a joke? Is it short? Is it long? Do we gather in a throng? Do we do? Do we don't respond as is our wont to the cling-clang-clinging of the Bells?

Vermont Handicrafts

Tomorrow there will be an exhibit, on sale in the Blue Parlor, of the work of crippled people in the state. You will be able to receive a double value for your money, fine merchandise and the good feeling that comes when you contribute to a worthy cause.

Library Notice

The two books mentioned yesterday, Brooks and Warren "Understanding Poetry" and Wilson Knight's "The Wheel of Fire", have not yet been returned to the Library. Will you please make a systematic search of all the less likely places which you missed yesterday, under the bed or even the haystack, in the closet, behind the bureau, or over the mantle?

It is also urged that you do not remove any books from the Library without checking them out at the desk.

Soft-ball Date Cancelled

The game which was scheduled for to-night has been called off because of the conflict with the evening lecture. So far we do not know when the athletic activities will be resumed, but we shall keep you informed.

Photograph Exchange

We have on hand numerous prints of interest to Bread Loafers. The first series, containing pictures of former lecturers or faculty members, will be displayed on the Bulletin Board this afternoon. If you will indicate your name and choice of prints, we shall place the order for you.

Caution

It has been suggested that we remind you that you should become more careful in your cigarette tossing not only on the porches, as was previously suggested, but everywhere. A small fire was started recently on one of the nearby trails and a small cigarette burn has been detected in the rug in the Blue Parlor. Please help us by your co-operation.

Conference Lectures

Anyone in the English School who wishes to attend the lectures for the Conference may do so by applying at the Conference Director's Office. The fee is a dollar a lecture.

About Crumb Reprints

Some people who failed to see the original notice about the Crumb Reprints have been gasping audibly at the announcements, particularly when it concerns the presence in the Dining Room of someone who they know is deceased. To prevent any further collapses, we remind you that the Reprints are merely for your interest, and not intended to paralyze you with fright. They are being run in conjunction with our Anniversary celebration.

Crumb Reprint: August 9, 1927

"Mr. Hervey Allen is expected to arrive this afternoon. In a letter to the Dean he has expressed willingness to be of assistance in any way possible. There may be some in the School who will care to ask for conferences with Mr. Allen. Any who are interested should speak to the Dean, who will be in his office directly after dinner to confer with you."

THE CRUMB

Volume 25- No. 10

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 16, 1944

Sale in the Blue Parlor

Don't forget to do your Christmas shopping early -in the Blue Parlor today.

Evening Lecture

Mr. Healy, the artist who is responsible for some of the paintings now displayed in the Barn, will lecture tonight at 8:00 o'clock on the subject "The Derivations of Modern Art".

Middlebury Press Books

The Bread Loaf Books which include volumes of poems, a book of Bread Loaf plays, Stops (a handbook of punctuation far livelier than it sounds), Vermont Chap Book, a group of 10 folk ballads, and Footpath in the Wilderness are still on display in the Bookstore, but the order is being sent soon. After lunch, walk (do not run!) to the nearest exit, follow the crowd that is collecting outside the swinging doors, and you will not (we hope) be disappointed.

Announcement

Those of you who remember the charm and fine spirit of Norman Hatfield, Manager of the Bread Loaf Bookstore for many years, will be saddened by the knowledge that he has been killed in action over China, June 15. He was Radar officer on a B-29.

Ballads

Tomorrow evening we shall be entertained by Mrs. Flanders, famous for her collection of New England Ballads, and the singer Asa Davis, whom she brings to illustrate her lecture with the songs themselves. Following this, there will be a Square Dance with "Pinky" Johnson as operational director.

Crumb Reprint: July 4, 1929

(for the benefit of those people who think we have misrepresented the usual Vermont weather to you in the catalogue and are considering suing us)

" For your consolation we quote the following from the morning paper: 'Snow Storm Sweeps White Mountains on 3rd of July: Mt. Washington, New England's Switzerland, borrowed the white blanket of the Alps today when, a day before the Fourth, snowstorm swept the Presidential Range and left the top of Mt. Washington completely covered with snow.' We assure you that this weather is not of the usual Bread Loaf brand. We regret the discomfort, but not much more can be done about it. Please co-operate by reserving the parlor and the library for quiet reading near the fires, and help us in this temporary situation."

THE CRUMB

Volume 25-No. 11

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 17, 1944

Lecture

Helen Hartness Flanders, who gave her collection of over three thousand folk ballads to Middlebury College Library, will entertain us tonight. Don't miss this unusual opportunity to hear both Mrs. Flanders and her ballad singer, Asa Davis.

Square Dance Following

A-one and a-two and a-promenade all
Just come on down to the Bread Loaf Hall;
Come on down and cut the rugs
You'll learn from original Jitter-bugs;
Swing your partner and circle round--
Discard your books and looks profound;
Give up your date with the printed word--
You'll never regret that you followed the herd.

Welcome

In an impressive ceremony performed at his arrival, Eddie Doucette, our former chef, was handed the keys to Bread Loaf by Mayor Dewey. We all regret that he has been unable to persuade the Navy to extend his stay so that he could be present at our celebration, but we are grateful for his presence here.

Library Exhibit

Miss French is arranging a display of books by Bread Loaf lecturers, faculty, and students as well as the files of The Crumb, The Crust, and Commencement Addresses. An interesting book of photographs of plays given at Bread Loaf will appear also.

Dinner Hour

For one day only, Friday, August 18, the dinner hour will be 7:00 o'clock for the English School. In case the grape-vines haven't told you, that is the hour set for our commemorative ceremonies to begin.

Seen and Heard

(Two members of the Writers' Conference in colloquy)

Question: What do you write?

Answer: Oh, nothing!

Question: What would you like to write?

Answer: Oh, EVERYTHING!

Quiet, please!

The adjuration commonly directed at the milkman is now transferred to you. Please be considerate of your fellow inmates who are attempting to concentrate. If a mood of felicity is too much with you, late and soon, kindly absent yourself by retiring to either the Barn or Bread Loaf Mountain.

Anonymous Letter

The school is grateful for the following letter which it received. We reprint it here in its entirety:

"Catalogue-----Page 3

'The village, as well as most of the mountains, were left to Middlebury College.'

No doubt them mts was left at the time the village were left, it don't really make no particular dif, maybe as you was planning t' give a coarse in puncktuation this summer you might be interested in including one in grammer or ain't that needed? after all grammer can be taut incidently when the students is convinced that they need it, thus makin' it funksional."

Crumb Reprint: July 23, 1929

"The Crumb wishes to express to Mr. Edwin Markham for the entire Bread Loaf group keen appreciation for the memorable evening last evening and the stimulating talk this morning. Mr. Markham's visit has been for us all an experience to be treasured in memory. The thanks of Bread Loaf goes to him for the honor done us in his coming."

25TH ANNIVERSARY CRUMB

Volume 25 No. 12

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 18, 1944

PROGRAM

Friday, August 18, 1944

Anniversary Dinner 7:00 o'clock

Adjournment to Barn for Informal Speeches

Dr. Hewette E. Joyce

Acting Director

Dr. Samuel S. Stratton

President of Middlebury College

Dr. John M. Thomas

President of Middlebury College

at Bread Loaf's founding

Robert Frost

Col. F. A. Scott

Saturday, August 19, 1944

Buffet Supper 7:00 o'clock

Convocation 8:00 o'clock

Invocation Dr. Thomas

Address Dr. Gay

Conferring of an Honorary Degree

Address Dr. Hopkins

Benediction Dr. Thomas

Intermission

Piano Recital

Verona Durick

Welcome

It is a superfluous gesture to welcome you to Bread Loaf, for you are Bread Loaf--you and the thousands of former faculty members, lecturers, students and friends, unable to be with us tonight--and it is like welcoming you to a home you never left.

Prophecy

(1920)

In 1923, when the School of English was only four years old, Sinclair Lewis said in his speech of acceptance after receiving the Nobel prize in Stockholm: "I know of only three educational institutions in America which teach literature as a living art-- of these, the Bread Loaf School of English is one." Now we are proud to be twenty-five and hope we are still worthy of this praise.

Attendance

Since 1920, there has been a total enrollment of 3,140 representing every state in the Union, as well as Hawaii, the Panama Canal Zone, Canada, Japan, Nova Scotia, and France. The average yearly attendance is approximately 131.

Degrees

274 degrees of Master of Arts in English from Middlebury College have been awarded at Bread Loaf Commencements and honorary degrees have been conferred upon Mrs. Edward MacDowell, Marjorie Nicolson, and Andrew Keogh. The first senior class was graduated in 1923 and consisted of four people: Helen Josephine Brown (Vassar), Sally Freeman Dawes (Radcliffe), Walbridge B. Fullington (Middlebury) and John Wright (Hamilton).

Deans

There have been five deans who have served us since 1920: Charles Baker Wright (1920); Wilfred Davison (1921-1929); Robert M. Gay (1930-1936); H. G. Owen, since 1937--now on leave of absence with U.S.N.R.; and Jewette E. Joyce, Acting Dean (1943, 1944). R.L. Cork (1946-1964); Paul M. Cukita (1965-)
1945

Faculty Members

In the twenty-five years of our history, there have been 101 faculty members, all outstanding men and women from colleges and universities throughout the United States. Seniority in point of years devoted to us goes to Dr. Wilson of the University of Virginia, who has been with us for 15 summers. Others who have been faithful to our traditions and have given more than five summers to us are listed here with their attendance record: Miss Hortense Moore, of the University of Miami (14); Vernon Charles Harrington, of Middlebury College, Dr. Hewette Joyce, of Dartmouth and Lucia B. Mirrilies, of Montana State University (13); Raymond Bosworth, of Simmons College, now of the Navy, Donald Davidson, of Vanderbilt University, and Theodore Morrison, of Harvard (11);

Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee, of Rollins College (10); Dr. George Anderson, of Brown University (9); Leonora Branch of Mount Holyoke and Edith Mirrilies of Stanford University (8).

Lecturers

There have been 93 lecturers who have furnished exceptional stimulation and have contributed greatly to the originality and creative spirit that is Bread Loaf's. For nineteen of our twenty-five years, Robert Frost, affectionately known as the "Godfather of Bread Loaf", has been a devoted friend, never too busy to talk to us, proving consistently Emerson's theory that "it takes a great man to be little". A host of others: Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Willa Cather, Hervey Allen, Carl Sandburg, Louis Untermeyer, Archibald MacLeish, Cornelia Otis Skinner, Edwin Markham, and many more have been with us from time to time.

Appreciation

The school is deeply grateful to the present faculty, Dr. Joyce, and Secretary of the English School, Mrs. Janice Dewey, without whose efforts during these last two difficult years our twenty-fifth anniversary might still be awaiting consummation.

Friends

The "old guard", consisting of friends who have returned to our mountainside year after year, have helped us appreciably: Miss Clara K. Curtis, whose death in 1942 deprived us of a faithful friend who kept pre-School days alive in our minds; Mrs. A. Sanders De Witt, who has fifty Bread Loaf years to her credit; Miss Hazel Poole, who has been attending as a regular student for 13 years; Miss Frothingham, Col. and Mrs. F. A. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. William Hazlitt Upson, and Mrs. Upson's mother, Mrs. Wright, who is the widow of Bread Loaf's first Dean.

Publications

On display in the library now are books by members of the Bread Loaf faculty, lecturers, and students. The list includes Walter Prichard Eaton, R. M. Gay, Clara K. Curtis, the Misses Edith and Lucia Mirrilies, Eleanor L. Turnbull, Hewette Joyce, Robert Frost, Esther Cloudman Dunn, James Southall Wilson, Charles B. Wright, Fred Lewis Pattee, Donald Davidson, William Hazlitt Upson, Grant Overton, Theodore Morrison, Raymond Bosworth, Burges Johnson, Hortense Moore, Elizabeth Drew, and Cedric Whitman. There are also files of The Crumb, The Crust and Commencement Addresses, along with a book of photographs of plays which have been given here. Of especial interest to you are the ballads, part of the collection donated to Middlebury College by Mrs. Helen Hartness Flanders.

Commencement Address

Dr. James Southall Wilson, Edgar Allen Poe Professor of English at the University of Virginia and first editor of the Virginia Quarterly, said in his Commencement Address some years ago: "Changing faces, different voices, making a pattern--the Bread Loaf pattern. Each year as the opening and closing words of the session are spoken, we are reminded that the pattern is woven into a framework and within a frame. Middlebury College with sturdy New England blending of work and faith for and in a practical ideal has supplied the constant element, the framework and the frame. For a few weeks we teach, but the work of Bread Loaf is not done in a few weeks. Changing faces, different voices, ideas that mingle, ideas that clash, many colleges diverse traditions lending of their faculties; but one Bread Loaf with a tradition, a character, a life, a pattern of its own, because there have been always Robert Frost and the mountain and Middlebury College."

Messages

Dr. Mead, Trustee of Middlebury College:

"It is happily becoming generally recognized that Bread Loaf not only has become an institution of high merit in itself, but has proved to have been of incalculable benefit to Middlebury College.

"I am sorry to be deprived of the opportunity of saying this individually on this anniversary to the Directors of the School now living and to thank them on behalf of our Trustee Committee for their really heroic work in continuing the best traditions which were handed over to them in succession and for their very great part in bringing the school to its highest point in usefulness and reputation."

Dr. Kenneth M. Sills, President of Bowdoin College

"I thank you all for the honor of the invitation and am very sorry I cannot be present. The Bread Loaf School of English has a splendid reputation, and those in charge of it are to be congratulated on the contribution that it has made to both the critical and creative aspects of English."

Miss Hortense Moore

"Altho the width of the United States stretches between me and Bread Loaf's birthday celebration and I've no helicopter to whisk me up for the week-end, I'll still be very near to you all in my thoughts on August 18th and 19th. Having been part of Bread Loaf's activities for fourteen of the twenty-five years, I shall find it easy to picture the candle light and good conversation at dinner and the 'academic convocation' which will be more interesting than any other such gathering elsewhere in the world, ever.

"I'm writing this note of good wishes to all the Bread Loafers lucky enough to be 'on the mountain' and to wish Bread Loaf many, many more birthdays."

Telegram from Dorothy Canfield Fisher

"Greatly regret absence from home in N. Y. and exhaustion from heat prevented my sending you my happy memories of Bread Loaf School's beginning. Warm greetings to old friends from old days who are with you today."

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Broad Loaf, Vermont

August 19, 1944

Evening program

This is to remind you that this evening the dinner hour is again at 7:00 o'clock and that the Convocation begins at 8:00 o'clock in the Little Theatre. Those taking part in the academic procession are requested to meet in the Blue Parlor at 7:45.

Group Picture

At about 2:00 o'clock this afternoon all members of the school who appear on the lawn beyond the west end of the porch will be photographed for posterity in the group picture to be taken. Although there is some danger of your becoming frozen images, the process is relatively painless, and you are urged to attend.

In Re Lucre

Attention: Thirteen nervous seniors--Your diploma fees are now due. Please see Mrs. Dewey today if you have not already arranged for your passage to M. A.

Any others who have neglected to pay their bills are also requested to see the ubiquitous Mrs. Dewey after lunch today.

Sunday Night

In place of Vespers tomorrow evening, Mr. Morrison will read.

Piano Recital

After a short intermission following the academic ceremonies this evening, there will be a recital of piano music by Miss Verona Durick. The program will include selections from Schumann, Chopin and Poulenc.

Ball Game

The soft-ball game between Frost's Wildcats and Morrison's Hill-billies promises to be worth the twenty minute walk to the Frost palaestra. The game is scheduled for Sunday afternoon and the opportunity to engage actively in this classic is still to be had by signing on the bulletin board.

Crumb Reprint: July 24, 1929

"The good news can be told this noon, after all. This evening we are to have the pleasure of hearing Miss Edith Mirrilies in a talk called 'The Contemporary Ghost'. Everyone is most cordially invited."

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Volume 25- No. 14

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 21, 1944

Lecture Tonight

Tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the Little Theatre Mr. Fletcher Pratt will lecture on the subject: "Is It Still Our War?"

Contemporary Painting

The exhibition of paintings now hanging in the Barn was selected by Mr. Arthur K. D. Healy, Artist in Residence in Middlebury College, who was graduated from Princeton and the Princeton School of Fine Arts, has studied at Fontainebleau and for some years was a practicing architect in New York and Vermont. Well known as a water colorist, Mr. Healy won the American Water Color Society Prize in 1936 and has exhibited his work in many one-man shows in Boston and New York and in group exhibitions throughout the country.

At 4:00 o'clock this afternoon in the Barn, Mr. Healy will talk with interested members about the paintings exhibited and will give a demonstration of water color painting.

Book Exhibit

From 7:00-8:00 tonight there will be an exhibition of books in the Blue Parlor. You are invited to come and browse among the recent books of the Conference Staff members. You will be particularly interested in Mr. Morrison's new book "The Devious Way", released to us prior to its public release on September 15.

Bulletin Board

We call your attention to the citation from Dartmouth College to the Bread Loaf School of English on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

PERUSE WITH CARE

All those who have arranged for Pullman reservations but have not yet received them are requested to follow these instructions: place inside a sealed envelope the amount necessary to purchase your accommodations; write clearly on the outside of the envelope your name and the amount of money enclosed.

All those who desire to return home by coach are requested to follow the same instructions plus the additional information: date of departure and destination. The deadline for this information to be handed in at the Bookstore is Tuesday, August 22, 1944.

Perish (both you and) the Thought Department:

The management does not hold itself responsible for anyone who fails to heed these instructions, but it wishes to warn you that Vermont winters can be exceedingly cold!

Appreciation

Those of you who have removed the noses from the books long enough to notice the artistic arrangement of flowers in the Blue Parlor and various parts of The Inn are indebted to Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Joyce, and Mrs. Coleman who have given considerable time and thought daily to the project. They were the ones responsible for the colorful bouquets on the stage Saturday. Expressions of our gratitude are now in order.

All Dining Room floristry springs from the lily-white hands of Edith Duffy, though we hate to think of what she will do to us for mentioning it.

Crumb Reprint: August 7, 1929

"We have been asked by Mr. Upson to print the following notice: 'On tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon, from 2:30 to 4:30, Breadloafers will have a rare artistic and intellectual treat. Through the efforts of an interested committee, the famous Bread Loaf collection of ancient vehicles has been taken out of storage. Starting at 2:30 P. M. tomorrow these remarkable chariots will convey passengers (only twenty-five cents each way) between the Inn and an ice cream party at the No. Five (McCaskey) School House. (Large plates of ice cream and a big slice of wonderful Ripton home-made cake all for twenty-five cents--two bits--the quarter of a dollar)'. "

"Antiquarians agree that the Bread Loaf collection is without equal in the country. There is an especially fine indigo and wine-red Saratoga surrey of the early Benjamin Harrison epoch. There is an English barouche with French Renaissance whiffle-trees similar to the one in which Chester A. Arthur was riding when his celluloid collar became ignited from his cigar. And there are various phaetons, democrats, buggies, traps, and buckboards which are the delight of connoisseurs. "The timid need have no fears. The carriages are strong, stout, and in splendid condition. They will be drawn by gentle farm horses. And there will be no attempt to imitate Ben Hur. It is expected, rather, that the ride to the school house will be a stately pageant, reminiscent of a royal progress of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort between Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey. "Don't miss this opportunity of a life-time. The proceeds will be divided between the Bread Loaf Library fund and the Ripton Community Club."

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Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 22, 1944

Lecture Tonight

The Little Theatre at 8:00 o'clock is again the scene of a Conference lecture. Mr. Wallace Stegner will talk on the subject "The Unaccepted".

Re-hash

Since the inevitable confusion has arisen concerning the arrangements for train trips, we repeat: this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock the Bookstore Manager, wan and worn, will make the trek from the Mountain to the Home of the Green Mountain Flier; if you have not already purchased either a coach or Pullman ticket, and you desire such accommodations, hand your sealed envelopes to the Guardian of the Book-shelves; be sure that your name and amount of enclosure appears on the envelope as well as the departure date, time, and destination. All those who do not know the exact cost of their tickets are urged to enclose an approximate amount. \$6.90 will take you by coach to New York and \$5.13 to Boston.

Bookstore

The Middlebury Press Books, which some of you have ordered, will be on sale after dinner tonight (7:00-7:30).

So many people have requested the inexpensive edition of Robert Frost's "Collected Poems" that we are sending an order today. If you wish to obtain a copy, be sure to sign for one at the Bookstore.

Lost

Ruth Snyder is anxious to obtain help in finding her fountain pen, lost these many days. It is brown and speckled and sorely needed.

Seen and Heard

At the Book exhibit a conference member, who shall be nameless, picked up a large volume "The Works of William (Darkhorse) Shakespeare", handed it scornfully to a friend and said, "Why would this be here? Can you iMagine?"

Crumb Reprint: July 16, 1930

"The hunger of our morning years
That led us to this Noon
Is not the sort that disappears
Because of plenty shown.

Each day from off the ample loaf
Old covetings allayed
We will receive our daily Crumb
Unsated, yet regaled."

E. N. J.

THE CRUMB

Volume 25- No. 16

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 23, 1944

Lecture

Tonight at 8:00 in the Little Theatre, Miss Catherine Drinker Bowen, author of Yankee from Olympus, will speak on the subject "The Making of a Biography".

Square Dance

We are invited to attend the square dance that is being held tonight in the Ripton Community House. If your strength is as the strength of you-know-how-many, you may obtain your week's quota of violent exercise for the small sum of 40 cents (tax included).

Lost

(1)

Miss Malvina Slonin has lost an eyeglass case; she would appreciate your assistance in the search.

(2)

In a bath-tub
In a bath-tub
In the Inn at break of day
Fled a large and handsome bath-brush;
Bring it back without delay.

Open Letter

The eminent Emma has designed a round-robin, destination: Philip Cohen. All of his friends are invited to contribute.

Contributor's Column

After the Convocation

The cloak of time, of space, is shed.
The dry brook floods the pasture-bars,
And leaning night, above our head,
Swings wide a scimitar of stars.

In the beginning was the Word-
Made flesh again from age to age,
Whittled to voices briefly heard,
Then stilled in symbols on a page.

The backward way is hard to scan
(So faint the tracery of the pen)
From page to voice, from voice to man,
From man unto the Word again.

Before this flood shall sink to dust,
Before the whirling stars grow dim,
We make these flaming words our trust,
These voices are our choral hymn.

Hazel B. Poole

Bookstore

It would be appreciated if all people who have not already claimed the tickets which were purchased for them yesterday would do so at once.

The copies of Stops, Vermont Chap. Book, and The Bread Loaf Book of Plays that you ordered are now available.

Crumb Reprint: July 31, 1930

"In response to our inquiry regarding the Bread Loaf sign, Prof. Boyce writes: 'I delayed reply to get information from Eliza McQuiry and John Houston. She says that the sign was first painted in 1866 by a Mr. Kingsley, who lived in Middlebury village; also some years after it was repainted by him. I remember that a boarder at Bread Loaf who was making sketches, repainted it after I began working for Mr. Battell. I think the man's name was Smiley or some such name. (Miss Curtis very kindly confirms this)---Eliza says Bread Loaf was named by Miss Baker, cousin of Mr. Battell, who used to board at the Inn'. We are very grateful to Professor Boyce for the information he has sent us. It is of interest to all Bread Loafers."

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Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 24, 1944

Lecture Tonight

Mr. Healy will speak this evening on contemporary American art. Time: 8:00 o'clock
Place: Little Theatre...as if you didn't know.

Church Supper

Tomorrow night at the Ripton Community House the public is invited to attend a church supper at 6:00 o'clock. At 7:30 there will be a vacation school program by the children of Ripton. Admission price is 40 cents and all wishing to share in the fun should sign on the Bulletin Board. If enough people are interested, transportation will be provided: no limousines, you understand, but transportation.

Exam Schedule

Oh, woeful words....oh, wordful woe....but the time, no matter how out of joint, has come to speak with a tremor in our typewriter. The sad scratching will occur as follows: August 31, Classes 34 and 80 from 9:00 to 11:00---Classes 9, 19, and 75 from 2:00 to 4:00; September 1, Classes 74 and 76 from 9:00 to 11:00 ---Classes 3 and 41 from 2:00 to 4:00.

Photograph Exchange

The results of that Saturday's bout with the camera are now displayed on the Bulletin Board for the second Photograph Exchange of the season.

Atlantic Scholarship

We did not know when we told you previously about Mary Bergen Johnston, the Atlantic Scholarship winner, that she had also placed second in the same contest with another poem entitled "The Ox and the Ass". We regret that it is too long for publication, but we think you would be interested in seeing it. If so, we suggest that you approach the author and request her copy.

Bread Loaf Nursery Rhyme

Little Boy Bread Loaf,
Come blow your horn;
The Sheep in the Parlor,
The Cows in the Barn
Pity the Mountain Goats for reaping
Desiccant cornstalks while they're sleeping.

Crumb Reprint: July 9, 1934

"Alexander Woolcott will speak on Folk Lore tonight at eight o'clock in the Little Theatre."

THE CRUMB

Volume 25-No.18

Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 25, 1944

Supper Tonight

Unless you are attending the Ripton Community Supper, you will have your evening meal at the Barn at 6:00 o'clock. Be sure to sign on the bulletin board if you intend to go to Ripton.

Room Reservations

Those planning to return next year and wishing to reserve a room should fill out an application blank in the Director's Office Friday after lunch. On a day to be announced later, Mrs. Madden will be here to make room reservations.

Photo Sale

Today in the Blue Parlor there will be a sale of photographs of France, Spain, England, and New England. Mr. and Mrs. Rugg also have some greeting cards on sale.

Lost

A brown coat sweater was lost in the Barn last night. If you find it, please return it to the Inn Desk.

Found

The Inn Desk is guarding with tender care a collection of miscellaneous articles which you are urged to claim: one white beaded purse, one leather glasses case, two pairs of sunglasses, one black compact and cigarette case, one black fountain pen, one blue silk change purse, one brown leather change purse, one set of keys, one small brown leather purse, one bunch of keys, one comb, and a blue handkerchief.

Crumb Reprint: July 8, 1935

Ode

If the water served for drinking
Causes us an inward shrinking,
Never fear: it's not obnoxious
Even though its color shocks us.
The well-bred child knows we're not hurt
By the classic 'peck of dirt'.
What you see is only mountain
Getting mixed up with the fountain.
A little leaf-mould now and then,
Is relished by the best of men.

R. M. Gay

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Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 26, 1944

Lecture Tonight

At 8:30 tonight, Mr. Chester Brooks will give an illustrated talk on the subject "A Ramble among Wild Flowers".

Coffee

After dinner tonight, when the frost is on you as well as the pumpkin, when your teeth are rattling like so many nervous dice, when Sam McGee becomes your favorite character in "Litacher", when your bones have ceased to function, and your blood has ceased to flow, you may avail yourself of the steaming hot coffee that is being served in the Blue Parlor to prevent the congregative congealment that is anticipated by the management.

Change in Classrooms

Beginning Monday, all classes will be held in the Little Theatre rooms for the duration, as follows: classes in Barn I will move to Little Theatre IV, in Barn II to Little Theatre V, except for the 9:30 Barn II class which will be held in Little Theatre III. Confusing, isn't it?

Junior Class

The members of the Junior Class are requested to meet in the Blue Parlor immediately after lunch today.

Vespers

Tomorrow we are promised a rare treat at the evening services. Dr. Wilson will read "The Hound of Heaven". There will be a solo by Joan Stewart, accompanied by Mr. Anderson, and hymns by the congregation.

Departure Scene

This morning while a group of retiring Conference members were struggling to include a gallon jug in the out-going baggage, an innocent onlooker was heard to remark, "Now I wonder what they used a gallon jug for."

One of our more sophisticated inmates, a jug connoisseur, replied, "Why, for ink, I presume;" whereupon the first speaker, greatly impressed, concluded, "My, they certainly did an awful lot of writing, didn't they?"

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"The School is honored by the visit of Miss Ellen Glasgow, who comes as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson."

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Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 28, 1944

Welcome

Bread Loaf welcomes exam week with harried sighs, long faces, and a plethora of nerve pills. It is requested that heavy trends be moderated to tippy-toes, that megaphonic voices become whispers, and that books be equipped with Maxim silencers if you are planning to drop them. Oh, the typewriters ticking--the books all unfurled: we wonder; we wonder can this be God's Wo^oo^oorld?

Movie Tonight

At 8:30 tonight in the Little Theatre you may avail yourself of the free movie that is being shown. It is entitled (and this is not meant to be symbolic) "Why We Fight".

Baggage

The printed envelopes which you now are touching tenderly are to be filled out at your earliest free moment and returned to the Inn Desk. Do not fail to comply with our request whether you intend to leave by train, bus, automobile, bicycle, or thumb. It is also imperative that the entries made thereon "are a true and complete statement as of the date indicated, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued under authority thereof."

Bookstore

All the books, with the exception of the ones ordered for specific people, will be returned to their publishers by Tuesday morning.

Miss Drew's book "Directions in Modern Poetry" is now available, provided your name is on the order list. It would be appreciated if you would claim your copy today.

The pictures ordered in the first Photograph Exchange are also awaiting their owners.

Room Reservations

Mrs. Madden will be here Tuesday afternoon at four to make reservations for rooms that you wish to occupy in the summer of '45.

Guess What

The best things of all move to Darnaby Hall.

Small Talk

It is rumored that the faculty this year are employing a new and deadly "secret weapon" in their examinations. You needn't be frightened (not very), but we thought it only fair to warn you. We cannot reveal much, but we do know that it is based on the cross-pollination of the atomic theory and the Reports of the United States Federal Income Tax Bureau.

Bread Loaf Ballad

Peace - It's Wonderful

Oh, settle back in Bread Loaf for a final peaceful week;
Remove the inward struggle and the outward mien bleak;
Relax, give up the battle and the game of hide (not seek)
As we go marching on--

We have seen them look with scorn upon the picture of Battell,
For their eyes were fixed on pastures where their manuscripts
would sell;
Gone is the confusion of the tolling of the Bell,
As we go marching on--

Our eyes have seen the glory of the going of the horde;
We have seen them leave the parlor where ungrateful feet
have bored;
We have seen the last departing, and we all say, "Thank
the Lord,"
As we go marching on.

Crumb Reprint: July 25, 1933

Conservation Program

" Many of our beautiful wild flowers are disappearing because people, through ignorance, pick the blossoms and the strain cannot be renewed. Some of these flowers have in the past been abundant around Bread Loaf, but have been threatened with extinction by careless picking. Among the flowers which we ask all our students and friends not to pick, but to enjoy in their native habitat, are purple fringed orchis, any of the lady slippers, Indian pipes, and the bottle gentian. We are especially concerned with the rapid disappearance hereabouts of the fringed orchis and the Indian pipes. The latter have been dug up for table decoration in recent years till our woods are depleted. Please look, enjoy and leave in the woods for the next comer and the next generation to see."

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Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 29, 1944

Concert Tonight

At 8:00 o'clock in the Little Theatre, the Sonarte Trio will present a program of music by Beethoven, Brahms, Arensky, and Mendelssohn.

Room Reservations

This is to remind you that Mrs. Madden will be in the Director's Office at 4:00 o'clock today, in order that you may arrange for priorities on your Bread Loaf nest for 1945.

Free

People wishing extra copies of the Anniversary Crumb may obtain them at the Inn Desk for the nominal fee of a pretty-please.

Lost

A copy of Auden and Isherwood's "Letters from Iceland", which was charged out of the Library under Mrs. Switzer's name, has disappeared. Doubtless it was the untimely frost which prompted your interest in the book. Whatever your motives, please return the book to either Mrs. Switzer or its home on the library range.

Emma is distracted. It seems that her very own father was the means of losing her poncho (described as "a sort of a slimy green") over a week ago. If you know of its present resting place, she would appreciate your handing it to her and not, oh, definitely not to Dr. Woody!

Remember

Please co-operate by reading this passage aloud to all those members who are allergic to reading The Crumb. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you, and we do mean YOU, should return the BROWN ENVELOPES, filled out, of course, to the INN DESK at some time today, or by noon tomorrow.

Pre-view

The crickets all sing and the birdies all call, "Yes, the best things of all move to Barnaby Hall."

Crumb Reprint: July 9, 1941

"From The Old Bread Loaf Inn, a Reminiscence: 'One of the rules for all girls working at Bread Loaf is that there is to be no social intercourse with guests. But temptation in the shape of a foreign looking city dweller proved too much for two girls. He invited them for a Sunday afternoon walk to Lake Pleiad. The fate of the seven daughters of Atlas and Pleione was not theirs, but exile from Bread Loaf was'."

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Grand Island, Vermont

August 30, 1944

Correction I

Inadvertently the fact that Genevieve White is this year's recipient of the H. G. Owen Scholarship was omitted from the Address List. This award was established some years ago in recognition of Mr. Owen's outstanding administrative work, of his great energy, and his careful planning for the growth of the school.

Correction II

Attention, all people who are in a state of nervous collapse brought on by the "secret weapon" remark (see Volume-25-No. 20). It was not intended to be taken seriously, since it was a by-product of your loving editor's crazed brain. We have no information whatsoever concerning the nature of the examinations to be given, and we hereby retract anything we have ever said to disturb your peace of mind.

Bookstore

Two copies of Miss Drew's book "Directions in Modern Poetry" may be purchased by the first comers. The people who ordered them originally have since obtained other copies and are relinquishing their claims.

Those of you who have not yet called for the pictures ordered in the First Photograph Exchange would help us considerably by seeing us as soon as possible. This is Inventory Time, you know.

Library Notice

All Library course Books are to be returned before the examination. All books must be returned by Friday noon. Please be helpful in this matter.

New Yorker Poem

"What poets mean by what they mean
Is tougher than it's ever been."

Some swear that Ezra Pound's the ticket;
I get lost in Ezra's thicket

I'm stumped by what the lilacs bring
To T. S. Eliot in the spring.

I sit up late at night deciding
What goes on in Laura Riding.

The Reader Writes

Ah, never will the masses know
What Auden means, who loves them so.

Rare is the nugget I can fish out
From subtleties the poets dish out;

In fact, I think it's time we had some
Poets who are plain and gladsome,

Who shun the effort it must cost
To seem more deep than Robert Frost.

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Carl Crane

Miss Gunn and Miss Dodge get along very well as roommates on the third floor(Inn)

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Bread Loaf, Vermont

August 31, 1944

Welcome

Bread Loaf welcomes Mabel Knoll and Hazel Dickson who have returned to receive their degrees.

Taxi Schedule

On the bulletin board you will find the taxi schedule for departures. Please make sure that your name appears on the list at the proper time. If not, add your name under the desired departure hour.

Library Notice

Please search for Kipling's "Plain Tales from the Hills", Wilson Knight's "The Wheel of Fire", Brooks and Warren's "Understanding Poetry", and Stegner's "Remembering Laughter".

For the rest of the session, it will be appreciated if you check all books that you are returning at the desk, and also if you will cease trying to be helpful by putting books back on the shelves yourselves.

Barnaby Hall

Tonight after-dinner coffee will be served in the Barn. This should be a boon to all those who want to study late as well as to those who can still afford to be sociable. A short program, about which you have all heard from the underground, has been arranged. Don't miss this great event.

Can You Bear It Column

Perspective

If you're feeling very frantic, in a horrible condition,
And your manner, un-pedantic, gives a sigh for erudition,
Forget the brilliant answer that you thought of all at once
When, examination over, you were drooping like a dunce;
For though you may not win a prize discoursing on John Donne,
You still can toast extremities in Vermont's native sun;
Perhaps your brain forsook you when you put away your dossier,
But that can scarcely matter to our dear departed Chauc-i-er;
You may have lost your wits when you were quoting Shakespeare William,
For this, the best restorative is looking at our trillium;
And though you missed the theories of great and noble James,
It will make but little difference to a world that's still in flames.

--Nityaldi--

Luggage

If you have luggage to be brought to the Inn porch preparatory to leaving in the taxi and cannot bring it down yourself, please fill out the blank below and leave the information at the Bookstore. This baggage should be ready an hour and a half prior to the taxi departure hour.

Attention: This notice does not pertain to baggage being checked or expressed, as indicated on the brown envelopes.

Name _____

Dormitory _____ Room Number _____

I shall have _____ suitcases, _____ boxes, to be brought to the Inn porch.

They will be on the porch of the dormitory _____) Please check

They will be in my room _____)

(All luggage should be clearly marked with your name)

Crumb Reprint:

August 29, 1943 For Sale

"Stan Trein is anxious to sell his new copies of 17th Century Poetry by Brinkley and Modern American Poetry by Untermeyer."

August 31, 1943 Bargain

"For sale, at a discount: One new copy 17th Century Poetry by Brinkley and one new copy of Modern American Poetry by Untermeyer. These special values are offered by Stan Trein. See McDonald, his agent, at the Bookstore if you're interested."

September 1, 1943 Library Notice

"Stan Trein has presented the following books to the library: English Poetry of the Seventeenth Century, Brinkley, and Modern American Poetry by Untermeyer."

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Bread Loaf, Vermont

September 1, 1944

Seniors & Faculty

Seniors and faculty members are to meet in the Blue Parlor at 6:20 before dinner.

Commencement Procedure

Faculty and Seniors will assemble in the Blue Parlor at 7:45. The Commencement Exercises will begin promptly at 8:00 o'clock. Seats will be reserved only for Seniors, Faculty and wives.

Dinner Hour

Dinner will be at six-thirty tonight. If you want to see the seniors march in, be prompt! There will be no special seating plan tonight.

Ration Books

You may obtain your ration books at the Desk any time now.

Library Notice

William Hazlitt Upson has given an autographed copy of his book "Botts in War, Botts in Peace" to the Wilfred Davison Memorial Library.

Bookstore

Please, please come after lunch today to purchase your pictures in the Second Photograph Exchange. Each print costs fifteen cents .
The autographed copies of the Frost books which you ordered are available now.

Lost

Normand Paquette has lost his blue Eversharp pen and would appreciate your returning it either to him or the Inn Desk.

Crumb Reprint: July 19, 1940

"The Crumb is pleased to announce that the first book to be printed by the BREAD LOAF PRESS will be Only on the West Wind, a group of twenty poems written by Mrs. Florida Watts Smyth during the summers of 1938 and 1939 at Bread Loaf. We wish to thank Mrs. Smyth for her kindness and generosity in allowing us to print these distinguished poems."

Swan Song

Oh, the silver is cropping out in our red hair *Norma Butler?*
 To think that we're leaving this fine mountain air;
 We're going home soon to return to the strife
 Of the wide world or teaching. Please hand us that knife!

This summer at Bread Loaf has been quite a strain,
 But now that it's over, we're feeling no pain;
 The fever and chills that attended exams
 Have departed and now we are back on our ^g^a^ams.

The dear dietitian, the chef Patsy Pugh
 Offered lovely concoctions for me and for you;
 The staff in the kitchen have all played a part;
 What they did for our stomachs has taken our heart.

Our fine Mrs. Dewey, whom you may have seen,
 The while she was scampering over the green,
 We wish her success and we wish it right now;
 Oh, we wish it--we wish it--we wish it, and H^o^o^ow.

The Joyces, the Wilsons, the Anderson clan,
 Misses Drew, Mirrieles and the one single man,
 Have all played a part in the plan of Battell;
 So we're tolling the bell for our right lovely N^e^e^ell.

Just leave off your sighing, your blood, sweat and tears,
 For Bread Loaf will live in the oncoming years,
 And we're all looking forward to what will come next;
 So on this note of promise, we're concluding our t^e^e^ext.

Forgive me for adding a sort of post-script,
 To thank you for bearing with one plainly hipped;
 You patiently stood for The Crumb every morn;
 Oh, how green was my Valley--how ditto my c^o^o^orn.

Hail the Editor!

An Appreciation

"It is not growing like a tree,
In bulk, doth make man better be"
Nor has there loaf from oven come
So nourishing as is our CRUMB.

Let Shakespeare spread his banquet wide;
Let Chaucer's host good fare provide;
Let Eliot gravely circumspect,
Ambrosia bring for the elect.

Let even the Chef provide his best,
Though we partake of all with zest,
The CRUMB our first allegiance wins -
It brings, compact, our vitamins!

Anon.

(The above poem is printed without the knowledge or consent of the Editor
but with the hearty approval of the Administration and, we are sure, of
the students.)

